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**Subject:** RE: Blades Groundwater EPA Site Investigation and NPL Proposal Notice  
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Connor,

After our discussion, I spoke with Mr. Procino about his operations to try to understand how the PFAS may have found its way into the groundwater near the northwestern corner of his facility. We were discussing the general lack of correlation between PFAS & chrome in groundwater, which is primarily in the central / southern portion of the site and extending southward. I asked about the air handler near the corner of the building, which he indicated was solely exhaust from one process involving a single product that does not contain PFAS. I asked if he ever had a fire there that may have had foam applied. He recalled a facility fire from 2017 in that exact area and was able to find the attached photographs from the Blades Fire Co's Facebook page (1<sup>st</sup> 2 photos). Sure looks like foam, along with water, on the ground in front of the northwestern corner of the building, and extending onto the roadway. The 3<sup>rd</sup> photograph is from GoogleEarth (I pulled it today, but photograph is dated 2018), facing the northwest corner of Procino from the roadway to the north.

Was this incident in the fire records you were able to obtain?

Were you able to identify what type of firefighting foam Blades has been using?

If so, can you provide?

Also, are you available to meet with me and Mr. Procino some time prior to the December hearing?

Thanks in advance for your help.

Best regards,

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**Subject:** Blades Groundwater EPA Site Investigation and NPL Proposal Notice

**Blades Groundwater - Advanced Public Notice**

Mr. Procino,

Good afternoon. Previously, we discussed the EPA funded Metals/PFAS site assessment and groundwater investigation of the greater Blades Delaware area. This correspondence is to notify you that tomorrow EPA and DNREC will issue a joint public notice discussing the Blades Groundwater Site. The EPA has finalized the Site Inspection (SI) (previously provided to you), and the Hazard Ranking Package (HRS) documents (up for public comment). The EPA lead and funded Site Investigation (SI) which has indicated further investigatory activities are required due to ongoing contamination. I wanted to give you advanced notice and inform you that EPA has completed the HRS package and has determined that the Blades Groundwater Site qualifies for the NPL and has been proposed to the National Priorities List (NPL). The Procino Plating and Peninsula Plating facilities are included in the plume's boundaries and therefore are incorporated in the NPL listing. The main purpose of future ongoing activities will be to assess the hydrology of the plume as well as how the public and residential wells became contaminated. Your assistance regarding the past sampling events have been helpful and I hope to continue working with you to conduct further investigations and remediation.

If you have any question please don't hesitate to call. Thank you very much.

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